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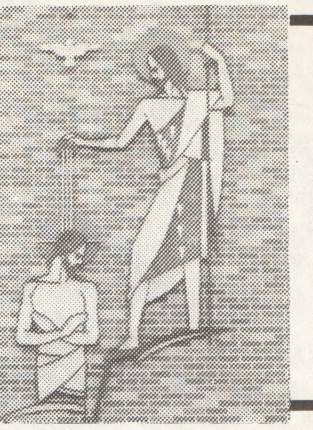


Just A Word ...

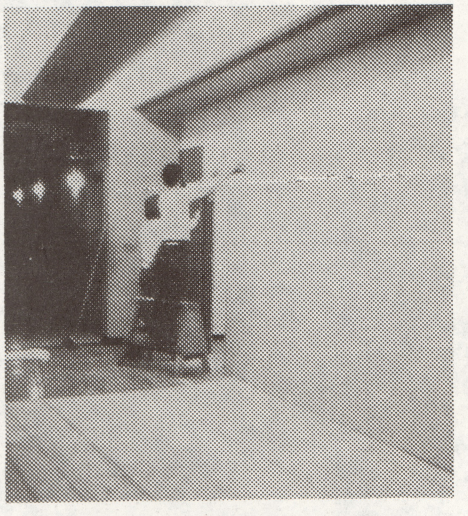
by Fr. Harvey

One and one-half weeks of Lent have already passed. The number of parishioners who were able to be present on Ash Wednesday was impressive. The enthusiasm of the Worship Commission in p;anning our lenten liturgical celebration is unsurpassed. Judging from the many positive comments of parishioners last Sunday, the work of the Commission is indeed appreciated. Sister Marilyn has provided a weekly commentary for this paper on the Sunday Liturgy theme and the corresponding additions to the sanctuary "scene" as we journey from death to life, experiencing anew the mysteries of Christ's saving death and resurrection.

Because of the number of worthwhile activities that are presently in progress, such as the Genesis II discussion groups, the Scripture course being offered by Fr. Delaney here, the parent programs for sacramental preparation, we did not think it wise to add any additional programs for Lent itself. However, one project which has been a long time in the planning stage we do hope to launch shortly. That concerns the division of our parish into "zones" or neighborhood "groupings." A meeting of zone leaders has been set for March 7, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. You will be hearing much more about the rat1onale for this project soon.

As I discussed last week in this column, lplans are also underway for publishing a new parish pictorial directory. Volunteers will be sought this weekend to assist with telephoning parishioners to establish appointment times for the photographer who will begin taking pictures the week of March 12th. A time-table for the new directory will be pub;ished next week. Again, may I encourage each individual parishioner and each family in this parish to make a serious attempt to have your picture taken during the two weeks the company photographer will be available here at the parish.

If you have wandered through the parish plant these past few weeks, you will notice a few improvements.



Carpenters have been busy in the school basement enclosing and soundproofing the education center's library. The library area is used almost every night of the week for a variety of functions, mainly educational. However, it was a very noisy room due to the lack of walls. (Originally, the present library area was scheduled to be used as a cafeteria when the e;ementary school was built. Consequently, there was no real construction of a library room as such. The backs of the bookshelves became a wall of sorts. More than one litt;e "gremlin" has proved his high jumping skills and has landed uninvited in the library even though the door was locked.) The construction of permanent walls will obviously provide much better security for audio visual equipment stored and used there, in addition to providing a more quiet environment.

The outside entrance to the church hall has also taken on a slightly altered but improved appearance. As most of you will remember, the new entrance was installed when we first began to renovate the church hall. It has been a real boon for those using the church hall. However, the winter of 77 proved a little too severe and the floor area of entrance received frost damage. The original contractor agreed to correct the problem. At the same time, consistent complaints were received about the cold gusts of air blasting those in the hall near the doors whenever the doors were opened. A small heated foyer was built, and an extra set of doors will be added to correct the situation. We hope you like it.

All Fridays of Lent
Are Meatless days

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For daily Lenten Liturgies
consult Mass Schedules

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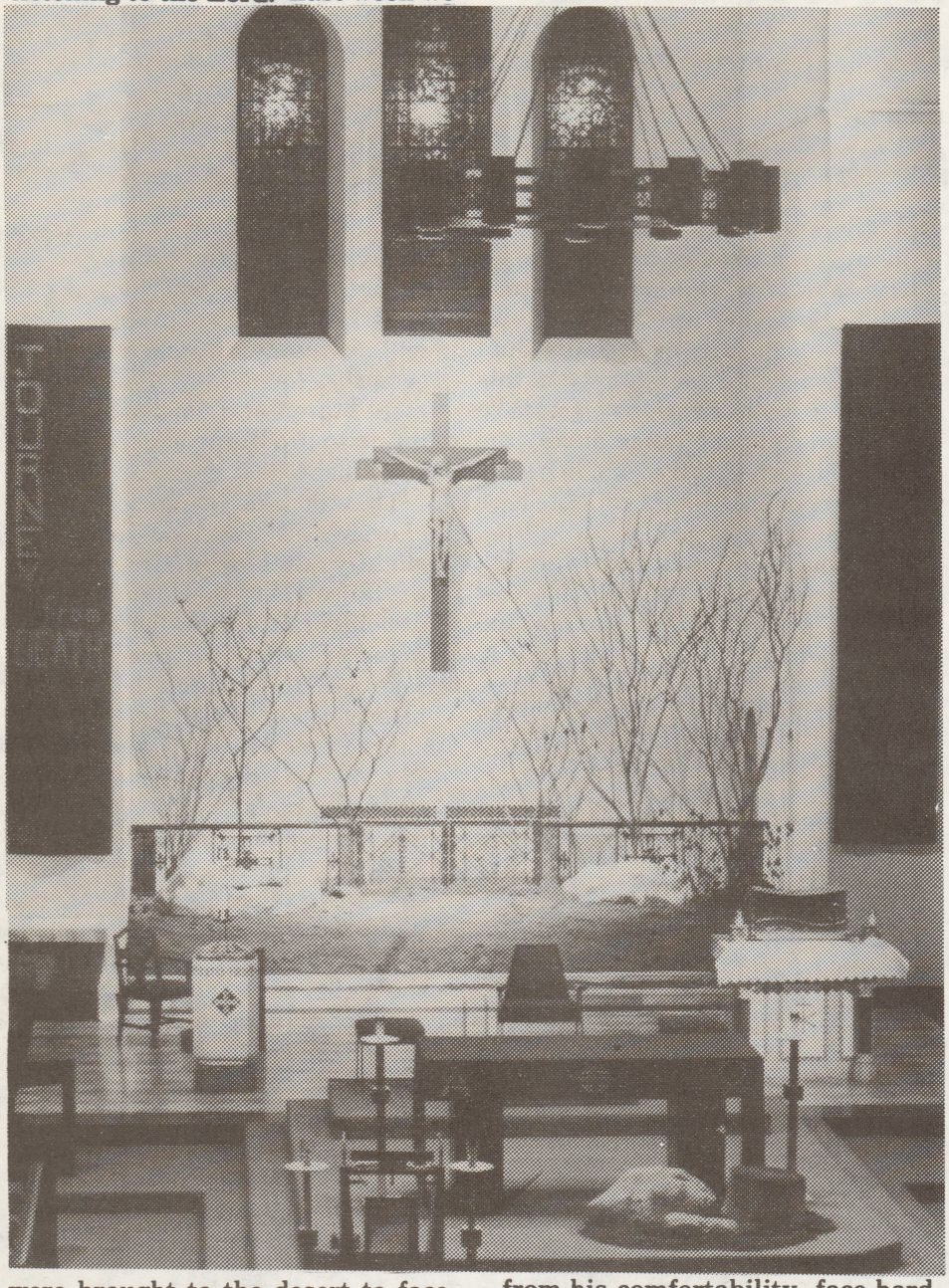
Stations and Benediction
Fridays - 7:30 p.m.

Worship Commission

Sister Marilyn

"Listen to Him." Mt. 17:5

On this Second Sunday of Lent this is what we are asked to risk, listening to the Lord. Last week we



were brought to the desert to face the choice of responding "yes" or "no" to looking at and reflectlng on our own faith journey. Today we are asked to take the risk of listening to what a "yes" response might entail for us. "Lord, what are you asking of me here and now?"

Any call responded to implies demands. Look at Abraham!!! If we read a little further in the Old Testament Book of Genesis we see that after God's call and Abraham's "yes", his whole life had to change. He had to move from his comfortability, face hardships, famine, trials and difficult decisions (remember the story of Isaac) in a long life and he was already 75.

Do I see myself like Abraham? As one God calls? God has called us for only one reason - because of LOVE. To respond "yes" in faith is risky but WE ARE in His hands; He does care and the promise of life which He holds forth - life ful;, exciting and God-filled is a worthy risk to take.

Our whole journey in life revolves itself in CHOICE, GOD'S LOVING CALL and our FREE RESPONSE; let us take the time to listen and respond.

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DAILY LENTEN READINGS FOR YOUR REFLECTION THIS WEEK

SUNDAY:
Genesis 12:1-14; 2Timothy 1:8-10; Mt. 17:1-9

MONDAY:
Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY:
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20: Mt. 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY:
Jeremiah 18:18-20: Mt. 20:17-28

THURSDAY:
Jeremiah 17:5-10: Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY:;
Genesis 37:3,4,12,13,17-28; Mt. 21:33-46

SATURDAY:
Micah 7:14,15,18-20: Luke 15:1--3,11-32

Any interested in taking part in the Good Friday Passion enactment, please come to the church on Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

New Life in Christ

Three boys were welcomed to the Christian community as they were made one with Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday, February 11, 1978.

Brandon Patrick Heaney and **Christopher Thomas Heaney,** sons of Thomas P. and Mary A. (Elkins) Heaney of Rochester, Michigan have James and Bonnie Heaney as godparents.

Michael James Heaney, son of James F. and Bonnie T. (Davis) Heaney, 142 Glenwood, Ypsilanti, has Thomas and Mary Heaney as his sponsors.

Four infants were baptized during the monthly baptismal liturgy ce;ebrated by Fr. Harvey on Sunday, February 12, 1978.

Ann Marie Bartholomay, daughter of Robert L. and Jeanine (Fretwell) Bartholomay, 1009 W. Cross St. Her godparents are Patrick and Sharon Davis and Robert and Sarah Gray.

Lesley Ann Buxton, daughter of

Mark O. and E. Ellen (Lance) Buxton. 1434 S. Harris. Her godparents are Douglas Blakeman and Antoinette Carmen.

Sean Madiagan Hoen, son of Timothy M. and Cynthia K. (Kerr) Hoen, 8845 Spinnaker Way. Sean's sponsors are Timothy Kerr and Jean Hoen.

Amber Renee Norris, daughter of John and Valerie (Keiser) Norris, 3021 Southlawn Avenue. Amber's sponsors in the faith are James Norris and Merry Keiser.

May the Lord continue to bless these new parents and give life and growth to Ann Marie, Lesley Ann, Sean Madigan and Amber Renee.

In the Peace of Christ

Your prayers are requested for the repose of two persons buried this past week.

A. Karim Sesi, age 69, died suddenly on Friday, February 10, 1978. The Divine Liturgy for Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, February 14, 1978 in Mother of God Church, Southfield, according to the Chaldean Catholic Rite. Burial followed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Sesi and his family resided at 2121 Roosevelt and were also registered parishioners here.

Karim is survived by his wife, Jameela, three sons, Joseph, Nasret and John and six daughters, Malika, Salwa, Nadia, Josephine, Catherine and Narmeen. One brother, Joseph Sesi of this parish and sisters also survive.

Katherine Zias, age 67, died on February 12, 1978.

Funeral services for Mrs. Zias were celebrated by Fr. Doepker on Monday evening, February 13, 1978 in the Wagner-Stark Moore Memorial Chapel. Cremation followed.

May they live forever in the peace of Christ!

Intercessory Prayer

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Our soul waits for you, Lord, who is our help and our sheild. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. Lord, lead us during the season of Lent in life's journey, that we all say yes to you as we listen to the word of God, as we read God's word, as we live God's word, as we see God's word come to life, as we hear God's voice saying, "this is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to Him." Lord, our hearts have prompted us to seek your face. We seek it, Lord; do not hide from us, for we have no other Lord but you.

In faith we pray for our parish team, our worship commission and our music ministry.

We pray for committed people to help us to enact the passion of our Lord Jesus on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

We pray for David and Karen. May your covenant of Holy Marriage remain holy and grow in the love of Jesus.

We pray for Joseph, Michael and Scott who came to the Lord's table. May the Lord's love deepen within you and grant you life forever.

We pray for religious vocations in our parish.

We pray for our government and city officials.

We pray for our sick, our aged, the lonely, the shutins and for the faithful departed. May they rest in God's holy promise.

We pray for world peace and peace in our homes.

The Lord says, "People of St. John's, if anyone is thirsty, let him come to me. Whoever believes in me, let him drink. Streams of living water shall flow out from within him. And I will be with you as you travel life's journey. Give yourself to me and my love and peace will be with all of you now and forever."

Praise Jesus
David

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My Dear Friends,

Many, many thanks for the very warm welcome I have received from the people of St. John Church. I look forward to a long and fulfilling stay in Ypsilanti. A special thanks to everyone who prepared and served at the pot luck on Saturday and after Masses on Sunday. May God bless all of you abundantly.

Father Dave

Reminders ...

• **Service Commission Invitation:** National Council of Catholic Women of St. John Parish will be hosting a Coffee Hour at the Ann Arbor Veteran's Hospital on February 25th. This is the month assigned to St. John and accepted by the Service Commission. Did you attend the planning session February 13th at the Patterson home? If you did, you know the plans, but if you did not, and are willing to help with needs for Saturday, February 25th, please call Sharon Patterson at 482-2093 and make your offer of help. These are men who need to be visited and let know that we still care ... can you find it in your heart (during this month of the heart) to do something heart-felt for someone else? ALSO, boxes will be in the back of church to collect your reading material such as Sports Illustrated, Scientific American, Coin, Fortune which can be shared with the Veterans. Please remember to bring them if you come to church during the week.

• **National Council** is also planning their 21st Bi-annual Conference for April 19 and 20 at the Plaza Hotel in Lansing. The cost for the two days is $31.00, including double room, two luncheons, banquet, registration fee. Jane Shada is Keynote Speaker for the Banquet and well worth the trip. Mark your calendars now and wait for more information to follow in the next month.

• **We are still looking for parishioners** who may want to visit the three Adult Foster Care homes to be under St. John care as far as getting to personally know the members. Call 483-3360 if you are interested. We will set up a meeting for all interested parishioners when the names are in and can discuss our approach to servicing this need of the community.

• **Parish Directory Telephone Line Workers** will meet on Tuesday, February 21st with the company selected to be trained for making appointments. Do you have some spare time to devote to this project? We need to make phone calls and then be host/hostess for the days photos are taken. We will

appreciate your help with this booklet designed to making our communication and community ''tops'' at St. John Parish.

Marriage Encounter

Treat yourself to a mid-winter break. Join the growing Marriage Encounter community by going on an enjoyable, interesting weekend at Siena Heights in Adrian. The date is February 24-26. Please call Rob or Margie Lemkuhl at 434-5446.

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☐ Wish to register
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving from parish
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St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a Tupperware party to be held on Sunday, February 26 after the 9 and 11:00 Masses in the Church Hall.

New items will be featured including the Tupperware toys.

Proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Invitations ...

State of Michigan
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John T. Dempsey, Director
CAN YOU HELP?

Are you interested in helping to transport elderly people to doctor's appointments, parents to visit their children in foster homes, disabled people who cannot do their shopping alone?

We really need your help. The Washtenaw County Department of Socia; Services' Volunteer Unit has a great need for ''Transporters'' in the Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Milan areas. Volunteers who give only a couple of hours of time each week to help transport someone to a necessary appointment are making a significant contribution to the peace and order of that person's life. Reimbursement for mileage spent in transporting is avai;able to Volunteers for medical appointments or grocery shopping transportation.

If you are willing and able to help, please call Stephanie Kissel, Volunteer Coordinator or Carrie Taube, Volunteer Clerk, Washtenaw County Department of Social Services. Phone 994-1839. Thank you.

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Jesuit Speaker

Father David G. Hollenbach will be the featured speaker at Saint Mary's Chapel, Thompson and William Streets, at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26. His topic will be, **Sacramental Imagination and the Search for Justice.** Father Hollenbach is a Jesuit who holds a Ph.D. degree from Yale University. His speciality is social ethics and he is the author of many articles in his field. Of these, two appear in the well known book, **The Faith That Does Justice,** published by the Paulist Press. He is presently a professor of moral theology at Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Father Hollenbach will also celebrate Eucharist at 10:30 and at 2612:00 on Sunday, the th of February. His appearance is jointly sponsored by the Christian Service and Christian Formation Committees of Saint Mary's Chapel.

Further information can be obtained from Saint Mary's Chapel at 663-0557.

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Irish Dinner-Dance, March 11, 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Alfred Walters Post of the Knights of Columbus. Music by the First Inversions with vocalist. Set-ups and beer provided, B.Y.O.B. Wheelbarrow of booze to be raffled. Tickets $20.00 per couple. If interested call Ed Walters at 483-0676 or Bob Gillman at 482-3754.

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St. John's Boy Scout Troop No. 240 is looking for interested boys and men. For more information, call 482-3754.

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Marriage Encounter

On a Marriage Encounter weekend, a husband and wife share themselves - their hopes and fears, frustrations, joys, and sorrow. The weekend presents the gift of time, free from the tensions, pressures, and interruptions so often present at home.

Fr. Larry Delaney of Holy Trinity Chapel will be on the team presenting the very next Marriage Encounter weekend in nearby Adrian, February 24-26. Won't you join us? Call Rob or Margie Lemkuhl at 434-5446 for information or reservations.

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One Out of Four Get Aid

The State Board of Education reports that one out of four students attending independent colleges receives financia; he;p under the Michigan Tuition Grant Program or the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program. Other financial aid programs are also available for those who qualify. These programs can help you attend the private college of your choice. For additional information, write to: AICUM, P.O. Box 1018P, Lansing, 48901. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan.

Interested in Singing?

Then you have an invitation to an evening of Old-Fashioned Barbershop Singing each Tuesday from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at Northside Community Church, 929 Barton Drive in Ann Arbor. Special Open House on February 14th. For more information, call 485-7276 or 973-2881.

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Mass Schedule

MONDAY, February 20 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Charles Parsons, req. by his wife

~~2:30 p.m.~~ John and Genevieve Nanry, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nanry (at Parkview)

TUESDAY, February 21 - Lenten Weekday (St. Peter Damian)

7:00 a.m. Agata Klimkowski, req. by Paul Carroll

5:30 p.m. Alexandria Orblych, req. by Miss Johanna Wiese

WEDNESDAY, February 22 - Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Vincent Southwell, req. by Larry and Pat Pepper

9:00 a.m. George Beaudette, req. by Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton

THURSDAY, February 23 - Lenten Weekday (St. Polycarp)

7:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault

5:30 p.m. William Osak, req. by Mrs. Agnes Osak

FRIDAY, February 24 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Helen McCarthy, req. by friends

7:30 p.m. Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, February 25 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Dominic Motto, ret. by The Bowyers

2:00 p.m. (Wedding) Mark Beltchenko and Barbara Leslie

5:00 p.m. Joseph Kreskai, Sr., req. by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stump

6:30 p.m. (Wedding) Jeffrey Hall and Rita Burch

SUNDAY, February 26 - Third Sunday in Lent

7:00 a.m. John Mongiat, req. by Myron Welch

9:00 a.m. Glen Wales, req. by Madeline Wales

11:00 a.m. Raymond N. Jeppesen (Memorial Mass), req. by the family

12:30 p.m. Intention of Parishioners

Wedding Banns

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I - Ralph Gesler and Marion Roe

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LITURGY

Saturday Evening: ..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Holyday: ..... 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Daily: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday ... 2:30 Parkview Home Monday ... 5:30 p.m. Tuesday ... 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.

WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.

COMMUNAL PENANCE: ..... As Announced

MARIAN DEVOTIONS: ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.

COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool: ..... 11:00 a.m. Sunday
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Senior High: ..... Mondays 3:45-5:00 p.m. and Wednesday 7:00-8:15 p.m. **Special Education:** ..... Arrangements made.
Adult: ..... As Announced.

PARISH SERVICES

Baby-sitting: ..... 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Coffee & Doughnuts: ..... After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses except July & August **Bingo:** ..... Wednesday 6:45 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:15

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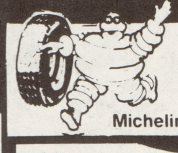
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